Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The strength of the two divisions together is 79.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member wants to know if all the secondary classes have not the strength of more than 40 each?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The strength of the two divisions of Form VI is 79.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—May I know whether there are any divisions in the upper secondary in which the strength is more than 40?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Excepting the VI Form the other classes have got a strength of 40 or above.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—In these two divisions of the VI Form, the Hon'ble Member for Education said there are 79 students. May I know the respective number in each of the two divisions?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It all depends upon the special groupings.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—May I know how actually it is there now?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I think it is 38 and 41, if I remember right, because there are 4 or 5 groupings, science, mathematics, history and languages.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—So, am I to take it that there is only one single division in the whole of the upper secondary department of the school in which there is less than 40 pupils?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Yes.

Eviction suits—Verumpattam tenants—particulars regarding.

148. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of eviction suits filed in the various courts of the State against Verumpattom tenants during the last five years;

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(b) the total valuation for purposes of court fees in all these suits?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) and (b). Please see the statement appended. *(Appendix II).*

Windfallen and uprooted trees—Reserved Forests—disposal of—particulars regarding.

149. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether they used to put to public auction the windfallen and uprooted trees in the reserved forests of the State;

2. if so, what is the amount of sale proceeds derived during the years 1109, 1110 and 1111;

3. when was this practice stopped and why;

4. if the practice is already stopped will not such trees be burned away by jungle fire?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—

1. Windfallen and uprooted trees found in the Reserved Forests were and are being disposed of under the seigniorage system or under the system of departmental collection and sale, according to the merits of each case. In adopting either system, the method that is found to be best suited for the occasion, such as public auction, tenders, private negotiations, etc., is resorted to.

2. The information is not readily available from the accounts and registers prescribed for the Department and has therefore to be picked up from numerous closed files. The time and labour involved in the work will not be justified by the value of the information collected.

3. There has been no discontinuance of the practice except for the fact that of late years, in accordance with the present policy of the Government, sales under the seigniorage system are being discouraged and the system of departmental collection and sale substituted wherever possible as the latter system has been found to be decidedly more advantageous to the Government in every respect.

4. No reply is called for in view of answer to 3 above.

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APPENDIX II.

(*Question No. 148.*)

Name of Court	No. of eviction suits filed in the last 5 years.	Total valuation Rs.	A.	P.
Anjikaimal District Court	104	5,01,119	1	0
Trichur District Court	21	1,19,334	9	1
Ernakulam Munsiff's Court	239	1,09,091	12	4
Cochin do	234	1,52,733	4	8
Irinjalakkuda do	317	71,202	1	4
Cranganur do	107	40,547	0	5
Trichur do	276	33,447	5	3
Wadakkancheri do	176	56,859	8	8
Chittur do	84	19,417	4	3

APPENDIX III.

(*Question No. 150*).

Schedule of Tariff rates for timber for the year 1111 and 1112 M. E.

	Species	Girth classes	Tariff rate per candy. Rs.
1	Teak	18 vannams and above	45
	Do	12 do up to 18 vannams	40
	Do	8 do up to 12 do	30
	Do	Under 8 vannams	20
2	Rosewood	21 vannams and above	65
	Do	17 vannams up to 21 vannams	50
	Do	12 vannams up to 17 vannams	35
	Do	under 12 vannams	25
3	Irul	All classes	20
4	Mylellu	do	20
5	Pongu	do	20
6	Koromaruthu	do	18
7	Pullamaruthu	do	16
8	Kayini	do	14
9	Ayini	do	18
10	Kunnivaka	do	12
11	Karinthakara	do	12
12	Chadachi	do	12

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